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Library Report, May 1926

The work of the Library during the past year has shown a steady increase in all branches, and the use made by the students of the library facilities continues to be in every sense satisfactory. No record is kept of the total circulation of books, but a careful estimate shows the striking fact that in the Law Library alone the total number of times a book is consulted during the term is some 75,000, so that the total use of the Library involves a much greater figure.

The best indication of the general use of the library is seen in the amount of detail work, which is steadily increasing, and keeps the staff well occupied. It may be mentioned that the work of cataloguing alone calls for much time. One set of books recently called for over 350 catalogue cards, and another set of eight volumes is partly catalogued only, with over 150 cards already made. The benefit of this cataloguing work is, one thinks, being appreciated. Books which were not originally fully catalogued are constantly being gone over, and much of the arrears overtaken.

The Library made several very fortunate purchases during the year, one purchase alone making the Law Library much more able to cope with the heavy call made on it, at a shamefully low cost. The local sales have yielded several useful accessions, in every case at small cost.

Several donations have been received, which have been acknowledged; this year most of the donations have consisted of one or two volumes.

The most important step this year has been the engaging of a book-binder, who works in the Printing Department, and is doing very satisfactory work, samples of which are on display. Already some 650 volumes have gone to the bindery, and the library will soon be in the happy position of having the great bulk of its binding accomplished. This means

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more in the way of efficiency than anything except large new accessions could effect. As the quality of the work done and the cost are both satisfactory, it is hoped that we may be able to retain the services of the present binder.

The accession number at this date, 12th May, stands at 28,711 and is steadily climbing, thanks partly to the product of the bindery.

The Medical Library has also increased, and by the beginning of next term will be in fairly good shape. An attendant will, it is expected, be required next term.

No case of discipline has arisen during the year, and it is a pleasure to report that the losses experienced are much less than might be anticipated, from the free access allowed to the books, and the incomplete supervision it is possible to give, with more reading rooms than we have staff.

Miss Jackson is shortly resigning from the staff, which will consist of two only during the summer.

Each year many calls are made on the library and its staff by individuals and organizations outside the University, and the Library seeks to answer these calls as well as it may, in the spirit that happily guides the University in its relation to the people of the Province.

The staff of the Library deems itself happy to be engaged in the work entrusted to it by the University.

